

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
WESTERN DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**VS.**

**CRIMINAL ACTION NO. 1:08CR054-P-D**

**ROBERT STRAUGHTER,**

**DEFENDANT.**

**ORDER CONTINUING TRIAL**

This matter comes before the court upon Defendant's third Amended Motion for Continuance [32]. After due consideration of the motion, the court finds as follows, to-wit:

Trial is currently set for December 8, 2008. Defense counsel requests a continuance to afford more time to interview a witness in order to secure a statement for a potential suppression motion.

The Government has no objection to the continuance.

The above circumstances enable the Court to exclude, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. section 3161(h)(8)(A), the period of delay from December 8, 2008 until the new trial date to be set in this matter. The time is excludable under subsection (h)(8)(A) because, given the circumstances described above, a continuance is necessary to afford the defendant's counsel more time to adequately prepare for his client's defense. As such, the ends of justice served by the granting of this continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that:

- (1) Defendant's third Amended Motion for Continuance [32] is **GRANTED**;
- (2) Trial of this matter is continued until Monday, February 9, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in the United States Courthouse in Greenville, Mississippi;
- (3) The delay from December 8, 2008 to February 9, 2009 is excluded from Speedy Trial Act

considerations as set out above;

(4) The deadline for filing pretrial motions is January 20, 2009; and

(5) The deadline for submitting a plea agreement is January 26, 2009.

**SO ORDERED** this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, A.D., 2008.

/s/ W. Allen Pepper, Jr.  
W. ALLEN PEPPER, JR.  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE